[Mr. T. Kumara Pillai.]

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12* :—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner:—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Standards for Promotions in the Excise Department.

1. MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Excise Commissioner has recorded his opinion that seniority in service and qualifications need not be considered as standards of test for promotions in the Excise Department?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Mr. Van Ross has stated that seniority or educational qualifications should not be the sole criterion for promotion in the executive line of the Excise Department.

Production of Local Salt.

2. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many maunds of salt are required for consumption in the State for one year;

(*b*) how many maunds of salt were manufactured in 1095, 1096 and 1097 in each of the factories of the State;

(*c*) how many maunds of salt were sold from each of the factories in these years; and

(*d*) what surplus quantity of salt was left in each of the factories?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 10,50,000 maunds roughly;

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) A statement* containing the information is laid on the table.

Salt in the Tamaracolam Factories.

3. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) How many maunds of salt were manufactured in the Tamaracolam factories in the years 1095, 1096 and 1097?

(*b*) How many maunds of salt were sold out of the same during each year?

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* *Vide* Appendix I—page 9.

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Appendix I.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 2.**

Statement showing the Production and Sale of Salt during the years 1095 to 1097.

Serial No.	Name of factory.	Quantity manufactured in maunds.			Quantity sold in maunds.			Balance left in the factory at the end of the year in maunds.		
		1095	1096	1097	1095	1096	1097	1095	1096	1097
1	Tamaracolam old ...	35,083	66,040	29,426	...	35,968	2,050	27,251	64,962	30,638
2	Old *allom* Extension of Dr. Sankaramurti Pillai ...	930	5,018	2,410	...	1,868	3,502	1,280	5,090	3,908
3	Extension No. I. ..	1,10,868	1,52,716	1,28,432	1,49,264	56,166	1,07,488	11,420	1,09,236	70,788
4	Extension No. II ..	32,520	77,100	59,856	20,160	29,634	50,408	13,394	62,660	72,186
5	Puttallom ...	47,105	54,000	53,048	54,778	22,720	25,016	14,253	54,000	82,436
6	Srimulagopalanathan *allom* ...	33,949	1,02,512	85,109	58,616	65,778	77,703	19,587	72,408	64,896
7	Srimulakrishnamani *allom* ...	...	10,225	25,875	...	...	...	...	10,225	36,100
8	Srisankara *allom* ...	...	4,000	16,200	...	...	...	...	4,000	20,200
9	Rajakkamangalam ...	14,607	866	11,378	8,230	3,640	7,808	9,773	6,745	9,520
10	Colachel ...	...	...	36	23,360	...	40	120	120	120
11	Srichitra Pon factory ...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	12
	Total	2,75,062	4,72,477	4,11,782	3,14,408	2,15,774	2,74,015	97,078	3,89,446	3,90,804